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IN COURSE VISIT BERLIN YESTERDAY AND TODAY, GENERAL HODES EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS SATISFIED WITH HANDLING STEINSTUCKEN INCIDENT. HE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES FOR TAKING ACTION EXTEND GREATER PROTECTION STEINSTUCKEN BY STATIONING THERE AMERICAN MILITARY POLICE OR BY FACILITATING DESPATCH TO STEINSTUCKEN WEST BERLIN POLICE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONSIDERATION GIVEN POSSIBILITY MAINTAINING POLICE DETACHMENT STEINSTUCKEN TO BE SENT, SUPPLIED, AND RELIEVED BY HELICOPTER. GENERAL HODES HAS FULL INFORMATION REGARDING BERLIN THINKING THIS WHOLE PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE CONSIDERS PROBLEM INVOLVES IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATION AND THAT HE INTENDS TAKE IT UP FROM HEIDELBERG WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE.

IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE USE HELICOPTER, STEINSTUCKEN LIES IN BERLIN CONTROL ZONE. ACCORDING RELEVANT QUADRIPARTITE DOCUMENT (DAIR/P(45)71 SECOND REVISE OF OCTOBER -2, 1946, PARAGRAPH 3 C):

"IT IS DESIRABLE THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, LOCAL FLIGHTS (TESTING, TRAINING, ETC. TO BE EXECUTED ABOVE THE NATIONAL SECTOR. HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY THEY MAY BE EXECUTED ABOVE THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTROL ZONE, SUBJECT TO NORMAL CLEARANCE BY THE BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER."

FOREGOING CITATION DEEMED PERMIT STEINSTUCKEN FLIGHTS SUBJECT POSSIBLE CHALLENGE BY SOVIETS AS UNNECESSARY. NORMAL WESTERN PROCEDURE IN BASC TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS WITH SOVIET ELEMENT "FOR INFORMATION" ON SUCH LOCAL FLIGHTS. ALSO INHERENT TO USE OF HELICOPTER IS POSSIBILITY OF ARMED ACTION AGAINST

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